

WALKERSVILLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2021

The March meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, Artie Fauble, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker.

Minutes from the February meeting were motioned to be approved by Patricia and Anna seconded. Approved by all.

Paperwork was received by **LOYUAA** – Triathlon Cub “Boogie Bears Tri Club” to use Heritage. No rep was present and several questions were raised from the incomplete form. Mary Ann will contact Steve Hartman or Kate Frick to attend the April meeting.

Committee members met at the new building at HFP and were pleasantly surprised. Nice storage areas, well lite, lots of ventilation and nice bathrooms. There are 6 storage areas, 5 for sports and 1 for the town.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Summer Solstice – Alex Young.** Benefits Blessings in a Backpack. An 8K to be held Saturday, June 19 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park requested to be used and the road closed from 6 p.m. Will be capped at 350 runners, if COVID-19 status allows. Motioned to be approved by Patricia and seconded by Kitty. Approved by all.
2. **Marissa Hombach – WHS Boys Cross Country coach.** Requests use of Community Park as a run through on Saturday, March 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. Is a race with 108 runners from Walkersville, Urbana and Oakdale. Motion to approve pending paperwork by Patricia and seconded by David. All approved.
3. **Brittany Sheets – WHS JV Girls Softball coach.** Wants to use Heritage field for practice from April 16 – June 16 from 2:30 – 5. Has the Park Use Form but needs insurance form. Motion to approve by Patricia and seconded by Anna, pending insurance information. All approved.
4. **Creamery Park** – Discussion ensued about the options for monies that could be received by Project Open Space (got 18K last year). Ideas need to be submitted. Mary Ann suggested to have “a multiple year plan with options”. Patricia presented a survey she conducted about “a wish list” for park improvement. In her summary, more swings, climbing structure for big kids with slides, tot area, inclusive equipment, ninja course, updated basketball court(s), seating and splash pad. Alex Young would like to see glass backboards and even height baskets. If inclusive equipment, would need new paths to access. This is all still evolving, although a strong desire for more basketball courts seemed to rule.
5. **Tree Planting** – A woman in Glade Village wants to plant a tree at Community Park in memory of her brother who recently passed away. Mary Ann will discuss with Kelly and contact the lady.
6. **Tree and Bench Memorial/Honor Donations** – A lot of discussion ensued about the tree memorial/bench donations. Talk ensued to have a list of trees to choose from. Plant possibly in

the fall and the family is responsible for a plaque to represent/name. As far as benches, would want uniform. More discussion will ensue at a future meeting about this.

MARY ANN REPORT

1. The new building Usage Agreement is still in process.
2. It is the hope to have the building usable by May 1st.
3. The security on the building will have a lockbox with a key to see how this works. The storage areas have their own keys.
4. Mary Ann and Jay will meet with the GVAA Commissioners this Saturday at 11:00 to go through the building.
5. Terms expiring – Artie in April and Patricia in May. They need to reapply and the jobs will be announced.
6. Homeschoolers want to use a soccer field March 25 – May 13 from 2:50 – 4:30. Bathrooms may not be open. A rep needs to come to an April meeting to officially request. Mary Ann will contact.
7. Going to recommend to the Burgess and Commissioners that the town will pay for electricity at the new building for the first year until more is solidified about its' usage.
8. There will not be an excess of monies to be used by Parks. The MS4 – Storm Water management will be costly and done in a 5 year cycle.

GVAA REPORT - Michelle Fyock

1. Elections are this month at HFP. Open to all members.
2. Has a sports usage calendar started? Will give to us and Sean when complete.
3. Commissioners approved the Usage Agreement.
4. The barb wire is being taken down at Heritage. Kelly stated he needs more spools to wrap it up. Michelle said that the fence will need to be unlocked for parking if the fence is not completely removed. She will call Sean.
5. The new building outside lights do not come on at the same time. Mary Ann will follow up on this.

KELLY WOODS REPORT

1. 700 foot of asphalt trails/paths need to be put in at Heritage by the bridge.
2. Price waiting for new rubber tire mulch.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10. Motioned by Artie, seconded by Patricia. Approved by all. The next Parks meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Baker